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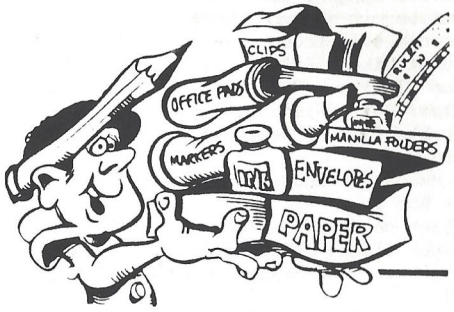

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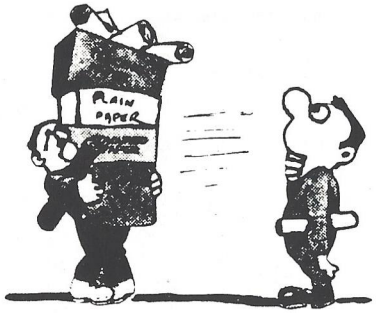

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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

NSL

BRISBANE LIONS v ADELAIDE CITY

THE TEAMS

BRISBANE LIONS	ADELAIDE CITY
JASON KEARTON	ROBERT ZABICA
ALAN NIVEN	PAUL SHILLABEER
NICK MEREDITH	B. NORTHCOTE
RUSSELL STEWART	B. NYSKOHUS
JOHN OGDEN	N. FLOUNDERS
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TODAY'S GAME

Well, the last NSL home match of the season and we come up against Adelaide City. Tough opposition as we found out in the first round after being beaten 5-1 in Adelaide. This round will be no different as Adelaide City find themselves with an outside chance of making the top five play-offs, so they will be very keen to take the two points away.

We, on the other hand, find ourselves resigned to the bottom position of the table and facing certain relegation, but that does not mean that we will just roll over and die - on the contrary, we have a lot of pride left and we are very keen to finish the season off on a high note. It has been a struggle this year to compete against a strengthened National League, especially when you are hit with an injury toll as severe as we have. But the effort has been there, and the commitment to make every opposition fight for their points has resulted in some very close results - results that could have very well ended in our favor and placed us in a better position on the League table.

So we look forward to your support for our last home appearance in 1988 and hope that this support will continue on through to following seasons.

THE TEAM

LOOKING BACK....

with TREVOR MOORE

On the day that Lions play their last NSL match in Brisbane (for the time being anyway), it is appropriate that the visitors to Richlands are Adelaide City, for it was that club who Lions played in their first NSL game back in April, 1977. That match ended 0-0, one of only two scoreless games in the 19 times the clubs have met in the National League. City have the better record with 9 wins against 6 by Lions. Surprisingly, each club has registered their best win away from home - Lions by 4-1 in Adelaide in 1978 and City by 6-0 here in 1979. The line-ups on that first round of the NSL in 1977 were:

Adelaide City: Romanowicz, Fraser, Yung, Matic, Lister, Perin, Leane, Melta, Northcote, Nyskohus, Marocchi.

Brisbane Lions: McKenzie, Wilson, Potter, Bennett, Niven, Drinkwater, Fagan, (Lawrie 70th), Lazlo, Neale, Harland, (Walter 45th) Hughes.

Over 11 years later, two of the above players are still performing at the top level - Alan Niven for Lions and Sergio Melta for Adelaide. If they had played for a Sydney or Melbourne club, more recognition would undoubtedly come their way. Still Alan Niven will have eight international caps and a Cup Winners medal from 1981 to look back on when his playing career finishes. Melta was part of City's Cup success in 1979 and the 1986 Championship side. He also has the individual honour of being selected the 1984 'NSL Player of the Year'. The professionalism shown by both players during their NSL careers has set the example for others to follow.

Adelaide City has the finest record of any club in this country. As Juventus, they dominated South Australian football for almost 25 years prior to joining the NSL in 1977. From 1953 to 1976, they won 12 League titles, also won the Cup 12 times and completed the League/Cup double on six occasions. In seven years from 1953 to 1957, they lost only seven games, winning six titles and missing the other by a solitary point. In the NSL, they won the Cup in 1979 and have regularly finished mid-table with their finest achievement coming in 1986. After finishing third behind Brunswick and Footscray in the regular season, City then eliminated those two clubs in the Southern Division play-offs. In the two leg National Final, they overcame a home

WEST END

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LIVE IT AROUND A WEST END EXPORT.

loss to defeat Sydney Olympic 3-2 on aggregate with an outstanding display of attacking football. 1988 has been an up and down year for Adelaide City. They started slowly but had fought their way back to 5th Position at the half-way mark. A mid-season slump saw them drop back to 10th but a win today will give them an outside chance of qualifying for the play-offs.

Listed below are details on some of the players who make up Adelaide City's NSL squad:

Paul Shillabeer (Defender) Born 29/9/63 in Port Lincoln and joined Adelaide City juniors in 1980. Made his NSL debute in June 1982 and after cementing his first team position in 1984, dropped back to State League football in 1985. Won the S.A. Rothman's Medal that year and rejoined City in 1986 to play a big part in the Championship season.

Alex Tobin (Defender) Born 5/4/66. A product of the Birkalla club who joined City in 1984 making 16 NSL appearances that season. Surprisingly overlooked for the 1985 World Youth Championship in Russia, but earlier this year broke into the senior Soccers team against Gothenburg.

Adrian Santrac (Midfielder) Born 29/6/58. Won the 1981 S.A. Rothman's Medal playing for the Beograd club. Spent the 1982 season in the NSL with West Adelaide Hellas but returned to Beograd for 1983 and 1984. Lured back to the NSL by City in 1985 and has been a first team regular ever since.

Joe Mullen (Striker) Born 5/1/64. Played for his state and Australian youth teams but missed the 1983 Mexico World Youth Championship due to injury. First appeared in the NSL in March 1983 against Lions after joining City from State League club Para Hills. Played a major role in the 1986 Championship success missing only one game and scoring nine NSL goals.

Sergio Melta (Midfielder) Born 19/1/59. Aged only 15 when he broke into City's senior squad in 1975 and made his NSL debut when the League commenced in 1977. Trialled with an Italian 3rd Division club in 1981 but was back with City in the 1982 season only missing one match. Voted the 1984 'NSL Player of the Year' and is one of the few players to have won a Cup Winners medal (1979) and Championship medal (1986).

Steve Maxwell (Striker) Born 17/1/65. Back with City this year after a $25,000 transfer took him to Sydney club, Marconi in 1987. Broke into City's NSL squad in 1983 and was another to suffer the disappointment of missing the World Youth Championship that year. Was included for the senior Socceroo squad for the 1986 series against Czeckoslovakia but the move back to Adelaide will not help his international ambitions. All up, has scored 36 NSL goals with 10 so far this season including a hat-trick against Lions in the Adelaide match in April.

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The rumours are gaining momentum that the NSL is about to revert to the two divisions system which operated from 1984 to 1986. The savings on transportation and accommodation under the regionalised set-up are obvious but it is also increased gate takings from extra derby matches which are attractive to financially struggling clubs. One of the major reasons for the change back to a one division League in 1987 was that supporters in Sydney and Melbourne wanted more opportunities to see their club play the best from the other city (e.g. Sydney Olympic v South Melbourne or Preston v Marconi). A study of NSL attendances in those cities so far this season, would tend to indicate that this is not the case.

Syd Clubs	Home to Syd Club - 4135ave	Home to Melb Club - 2296ave
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The NSL is run by the top six or so clubs in both Sydney and Melbourne and what happens in Brisbane, Adelaide or wherever is irrelevant. Considering the financial difficulties faced by most southern clubs, especially in Melbourne, it will not surprise to see the League split again. It appears that the plans for next season (January to August) are already finalised, but the switch to summer soccer in November 1989, could see the NSL operate under the two division set-up once more.

JUNIOR REPORT

UNDER 7 FALCONS
by JOE MORCUS

v South Side Eagles (1)

An interesting game ending in a draw. Knowing the opposition from our last encounter, I took the opportunity to test our first year and not-too-strong players. I placed all my best players in the first game which we won 3-0. Michael solly scored one goal, 'Man of the Match', and an iceblock. Martin Morcus found the net twice.

The second game ended in a 1-0 loss. The boys in the second game had to do it on their own, and each one played his best. Kurt Willett and Aaron Chinn played a particularly good game. 'Man of the Match' was our goalkeeper, Azmeel Shah, who had never before played as goalie. That cost me another iceblock. The boys came very close to levelling the score.

v INALA

We played with a bit more determination this time. Could it be the iceblock 'Man of the Match' award? A 0-0 draw in the first game and 0-1 loss in the second. Kurt Willett and Barry Paul played a good game. Thomas Johnston and Barry Paul each received their iceblocks.

THE LEAGUE TABLES

WEST END NSL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong City	24	13	7	4	42	29	33
Sydney Croatia	23	15	2	6	36	27	32
South Melbourne	23	11	8	4	33	27	30
Marconi	24	11	7	6	43	25	29
Sydney Olympic	24	9	7	8	27	21	25
St. George	24	10	4	10	40	34	24
Sunshine G.C.	23	10	4	9	35	36	24
Adelaide City	24	8	7	9	32	34	23
Melbourne Croatia	23	8	6	9	25	27	22
Footscray JUST	24	6	9	9	32	31	21
Apia Leichhardt	24	7	7	10	24	31	21
Preston Makedonia	24	4	11	9	25	35	19
Brunswick Juventus	24	6	5	13	29	39	17
Brisbane Lions	**24**	**4**	**4**	**16**	**27**	**54**	**12**

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Pine Rivers	16	12	2	2	45	15	38
Acacia Ridge	16	11	3	2	29	9	36
Nerang	16	9	3	4	30	20	30
Inala City	16	9	3	4	24	12	30
Lions	**16**	**7**	**2**	**7**	**33**	**31**	**23**
Bardon Latrobe	16	7	1	8	15	20	22
Wynnum	16	6	3	7	31	24	21
Newmarket	16	5	5	6	23	24	20
The Gap	16	5	4	7	20	26	19
Mitchelton	16	4	3	9	22	31	15
Valley Trident	16	4	3	9	17	35	15
Capalaba	16	1	-	15	6	49	3

RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inala City	16	15	1	-	58	9	46
Acacia Ridge	16	11	5	-	40	8	38
The Gap	16	8	2	6	31	24	26
Wynnum	16	7	5	4	27	23	26
Nerang	16	7	2	7	31	23	23
Newmarket	16	6	5	5	33	27	23
Pine Rivers	16	5	6	5	32	44	21
Lions	**16**	**5**	**5**	**6**	**24**	**31**	**20**
Bardon Latrobe	16	6	2	8	18	22	20
Mitchelton	16	1	6	9	12	27	9
Valley Trident	16	1	5	10	16	43	8
Capalaba	16	-	4	12	12	53	4

3rd GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wynnum	16	13	3	-	59	9	42
Lions	**16**	**12**	**-**	**4**	**49**	**26**	**36**
Mitchelton	16	9	3	4	38	24	30
Inala City	16	8	5	3	40	16	29
Acacia Ridge	16	8	2	4	31	20	26
The Gap	16	6	3	7	27	23	21
Newmarket	16	6	3	7	26	31	21
Pine Rivers	16	6	3	7	26	33	21
Nerang	16	5	1	10	26	46	16
Valley Trident	16	3	4	9	22	41	13
Capalaba	16	3	1	12	17	50	10
Bardon Latrobe	16	3	-	13	17	59	9

DIVISION SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Acacia Ridge	16	16	-	-	106	10	48
Darra United	16	11	1	4	59	20	34
Industrial Yugal	16	9	3	4	46	28	30
Inala City	16	10	-	6	33	24	30
Loganholme	16	7	1	8	42	54	22
Lions	**16**	**4**	**1**	**11**	**22**	**66**	**13**
Dinmore Bushrats	16	3	-	13	17	78	9
Caboolture	16	1	-	15	17	62	3

profile *

Full Name: Frank John Mengotti.
Nickname: Skippy/Swampy.
Date of Birth: 26.6.62.
Place of Birth: Brisbane.
Colour of Hair: Brown.
Colour Eyes: Brown.
Height: 181cm.
Weight: 75kg.
Marital Status: Married to Loretta.
Occupation: Bank Officer.
Superstitions: None.
Favourite Food: Seafood.
Favourite Drink: Tia-Maria.
Favourite T.V. Show: Wide World of Sports/L.A. Law.
Favourite Singer: Billy Joel.
Favourite Actor/Actress: Dustin Hoffman/Meryl Streep.
Personal Likes: Eating out.
Person dislikes: Rude people.
Hobbies: Golf, Fishing.
Favourite form of Relaxation: Going to A Barbeque.
Car: Mazda 626 Coupe.
Shirt No: 5.
Position on Field: Defender.
Previous clubs: Brisbane City.
Representative Honours: Queensland team 86/88.
Ambitions: Play in Australian Rep side and not to be relegated this year.
Favourite Player: Glen Hoddle.
Favourite other Team: Liverpool.
Favourite Sportsman: Greg Norman.

CASINO NIGHT

What a spectacular night it turned out to be. We knew it was going to be good, but we exceeded our own expectations. Over 250 people attended, making the evening extremely successful - financially as well as socially.

On behalf of Tom and Pat Burns, Liz Morcus and myself, a special thankyou to our U7 and U9 parents for their support via prize collections/donations, cooking, ticket sales and work on the night.

The auction at the end of the evening was great. Congratulations to the gentleman who paid $30,000 for the live chook. I don't want to know what he had planned for it. I hope the Wilkins' family stays intact after Gary paid $100,000 for the autographed soccer ball.

Thank you Lions Soccer Club for your co-operation. A great team effort.

FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

WEST END NSL			
ROUND 26	Footscray Just v Brisbane Lions	(A) Sun, 7th Aug.	2.30p.m.
DIVISION TWO			
ROUND 18	Bardon Latrobe v Lions	(A) Sun, 7th Aug	2.45p.m.
	Reserves	"	12.45p.m.
	3rd Grade	"	10.45a.m.
ROUND 19	Lions v Pine Rivers	(H) Sat, 20th Aug	6.00p.m.
	Reserves	"	4.00p.m.
	3rd Grade	"	2.00p.m.
ROUND 20	Valley Trident v Lions	(A) Sun, 28th Aug	2.45p.m.
	Reserves	"	12.45p.m.
	3rd Grade	"	10.45a.m.
ROUND 21	Lions v Wynnum Districts	(H) Sat, 4th Sept	6.00p.m.
	Reserves	"	4.00p.m.
	3rd Grade	"	2.00p.m.
ROUND 22	Acacia Ridge v Lions	(A) Sat, 10th Sept	7.00p.m.
	Reserves	"	5.00p.m.
	3rd Grade	"	3.00p.m.
DIVISION SEVEN			
ROUND 18	Lions v Loganholme	(H) Sat, 6th Aug	2.45p.m.
ROUND 19	Inala City v Lions	(A) Sat, 20th Aug	2.45p.m.
ROUND 20	Lions v Caboolture Dist.	(H) Sat, 27th Aug	2.45p.m.
ROUND 21	Acacia Ridge v Lions	(A) Fri, 2nd Sept	7.30p.m.